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I'm dreaming of a ... 'green' Christmas?!

Met. Office forecasters are predicting another mild, damp and often windy Christmas period which looks like ending most people's dreams of a white Christmas. With temperatures in parts of the south-east set to reach 12°C, the only hope for determined snow-seekers this year will be the Scottish mountains.

Forecasters also warned of a particularly stormy period over the Christmas weekend with the worst of the gales expected in the north and west of the UK. Ewen McCallum, Head of forecasting in The Met. Office, said: "Despite seasonal expectations, it's quite rare to get a white Christmas, but at least the mild weather will make it easy for travellers. However, it's time to batten down the hatches for Saturday evening when a storm, which has the potential for damaging winds, is expected to rush in from the Atlantic."

Notes:

1. A white Christmas according to the bookmakers is when snow falls on the roof of the London Weather Centre on Christmas Day, and under this criteria, there have been nine white Christmases this century.
2. The mildest Christmas Day temperature recorded this century was 15.6°C at Killerton, Devon in 1920.



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